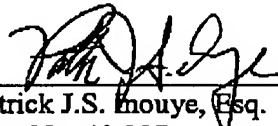


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Claims 1-23 are believed to be in a condition for allowance. Entry of the  
40 foregoing amendments is requested and a Notice of Allowance is earnestly  
solicited. Please contact the undersigned at (206) 381-3900 regarding any  
questions or concerns associated with the present matter

Respectfully submitted,

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